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SUBJECT: ALGERIANS TIGHTEN TIES WITH ANGOLA

1. ALGERIA MOVING RAPIDLY TO TIGHTEN LINKS WITH ANGOLA.

2. PRESS 6 MARCH ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF WEEKLY AIR ALGERIE FLIGHT LINKING ALGERIA TO LUANDA VIA NIAMEY AND BRAZZAVILLE. FLIGHT, BOEING 737 LEAVING ALGIERS EACH THURSDAY, WILL BE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS PLAN FOR NIAMEY LINK WITH EXTENSION TO BRAZZAVILLE AND LUANDA.

3. PRESS 8 MARCH ANNOUNCED NATIONAL ALGERIAN SHIPPING COMPANY'S OPENING OF REGULAR SHIPPING LINK BETWEEN ALGERIAN PORTS AND LUANDA. FIRST SHIP, "IBN SINA", CARRYING "2,000 TONS OF VARIED MERCHANDISE" APPARENTLY ALREADY EN ROUTE. PRESS COMMENTARY NOTES THIS IS EXTENSION OF EXISTING SERVICES TO GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST AND CONGO, AND EXPLAINS THAT NEW LINK "UNDERLINES POLITICAL WILL OF ALGERIA TO REINFORCE INTER-FRICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION".

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4. COMMENT: AIR ALGERIE LINKS TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES
LOSE MONEY, BUT PROFIT IS NOT THEIR PURPOSE. PURPOSE,
AS PRESS COMMENTARY ON SHIPPING LINK IMPLIES, IS TO
EXTEND ALGERIAN POLITICAL INFLUENCE.PARKER

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